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In re Application of:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "B"**

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Dear Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this Preliminary Amendment "B" and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 158 and add new claims 164-189 as follows.

158. (Twice Amended) A currency evaluation device for receiving a stack of currency bills and rapidly evaluating all the bills in the stack, the device comprising:

an input receptacle adapted to receive a stack of bills to be evaluated,

a plurality of [an] output [receptacle] receptacles adapted to receive bills after evaluation;

a transport mechanism adapted to transport bills, one at a time, from [said] the input receptacle to the plurality of output [receptacle] receptacles along a transport path;